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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS: FAREWELL LUNCHEON FOR SIR HARRY
GREENFIELD

1. ON MAY 7 MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS
HELD FAREWELL LUNCHEON FOR SIR HARRY GREENFIELD, OUTGOING
CHAIRMAN OF INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL BOARD. ALSO
PRESENT AT LUNCHEON WERE OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH NAR-
COTICS MATTERS FROM SCOTLAND YARD, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
AND SOCIAL SECURITY AND INSTITUTE FOR STUDY OF DRUG
DEPENDENCE. LUNCH PROVIDED EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR
EMBASSY OFFICERS TO HAVE WIDE RANGING CONVERSATION WITH
KEY OFFICIALS IN HMG WITH RESPONSIBILITIES FOR NARCOTICS.

2. SIR HARRY IN GENERAL WAS PLEASED WITH PROGRESS THAT
HAS BEEN MADE IN COMBATting INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS
TRAFFICKING, BUT HE WAS PLAINLY WORRIED ABOUT RISKS IN-
HERENT IN INTRODUCING ANY NEW SOURCE OF SUPPLY, PARTICU-
LARLY COUNTRY SUCH AS TURKEY WHERE LARGE-SCALE LEAKAGES
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ALMOST CERTAIN TO OCCUR. HE WAS GREATLY CONCERNED BY

PROSPECTS OF POSSIBLE RENEWAL OF TURKISH PRODUCTION.

3. WITH REGARD TO INDIAN PRODUCTION, SIR HARRY EXPRESSED VIEW THAT INDIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD FIND IT DIFFICULT IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE TO POLICE ANY NEW OPIUM ACREAGE. HE ALSO FELT THERE IS RISK THAT, IF INDIA IS PRESSED TO BRING NEW ACREAGE INTO PRODUCTION TO MEET INTERNATIONAL MEDICINAL DEMAND, GOI MIGHT OPT TO GET OUT OF OPIUM PRODUCTION EXCEPT TO MEET OWN DOMESTIC DEMAND. HE FEELS THAT ADDITIONAL FOREIGN EXCHANGE EARNINGS WOULD NOT BE SUFFICIENT COMPENSATION TO GOI FOR INCREASED COSTS AND DIFFICULTIES OF POLICING PRODUCTION.

4. IN CONCLUSION, SIR HARRY INDICATED THAT, ALTHOUGH HE IS STEPPING DOWN FROM HIS INCB POSITION, HE INTENDS TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL ACTIVITIES.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE, FOR OUR BACKGROUND INFORMATION, AND FOR POSSIBLE USE IN DISCUSSIONS OF NARCOTICS PROBLEMS FORESEEN IN US/UK TALKS ON ASIA (STATE 96034) A SUMMARY OF OUR PRESENT ESTIMATES OF CURRENT STATE OF TURKISH PROPOSALS TO RESUME PRODUCTION AND BRIEF HISTORY OF U.S. EFFORTS TO BLOCK THIS RESUMPTION.

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